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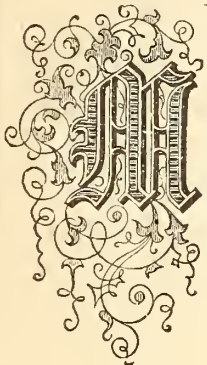
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## ADDRESS.

*Delivered at the Missionary Meeting, Sabbath Evening, Feb. 24,*

BY H. P. VORDERMARK.



MY FRIENDS—The time has now come in which we should feel, and show our appreciation of the kindness shown toward us by our Board of Home Missions, and gladly respond to the call made by our dear brethren, who have stood nobly by us, from our infancy as an organization. Should we then not remember them in our prayers, and also in contributing our mite to help them at this present time, having been so willing to incur so great a responsibility for us, as well as other new missions? What they ask now from us is but a trifle, compared with what we have already received from them. Now that the business of this Board of Missions, is to verge shortly, into our General Synod's Board, with, however, the same object in view, to liquidate their present obligations, they fall short about \$2,000, to which they respectfully ask, all our churches in this Synod to contribute. Some have already responded nobly. Can we not, will we not, give from that which the Lord has been pleased to bestow upon us? We should feel thankful to Almighty God for having provided for us so richly, and who is yet willing to help us, if we will but put our trust in Him.

See to it then, my friends, that Grace church does her duty. Although we are still the orphan of the board, we are growing older as a congregation, and certainly feel that we cannot expect help much longer from this source. We must soon become self-supporting. So let us begin now, and each one of us resolve to do more for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. "Work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work." Who can tell the amount of good, our contributions will do in the sustenance of missions. Through this channel our "Little Grace

Church" has been nurtured, and still is up to this very day, receiving aid. There are other missions that will need assistance, and are younger than we are, and perhaps deserve more from the church at large than they now receive. Our prayers now should be, that each heart may be touched with a benevolent feeling, and be induced to give liberally and cheerfully, for, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Grace Church has done nobly in the past. Let us do better in the future, trusting in God for our welfare. Let us then work with heart and hand to accomplish this, and the Lord's blessing will be upon us, and upon our labors. "United, we stand. Divided, we fall." We have a great work before us, in the Lord's vineyard. We need helpers, more helpers; more soldiers of the cross; more souls for Christ. If there be any in this house to-night, who have not yet named the name of Jesus, if any who have not taken up the cross, if any who have not given themselves to Christ, let them do so to-night. Do so before it is too late. Do you believe our Lord would send out men to preach the gospel to every one, unless he wanted also every creature to be saved? Do you believe Christ would tell his servants to preach the gospel to men, without giving them also the power to accept it? Do you believe the God of heaven is mocking men by offering them his gospel, and not giving them the power to take hold of it? Do you believe He will not give you the power to accept this salvation as a gift? Man might do that, but God never mocks men. When He says, preach the Gospel to every creature, every creature can be saved if he will. Lift your eyes from this world, and look to Christ; He is the Saviour of the world. He it was who gave himself, His very life for you and for me. Do you not then belong to Him? Do at all events as the old woman did, who started out, when the war commenced, with a poker in her hand, and when asked what she was going to do with it, she said, "I can not do much with it, but I can show at least, on which side I am." My friends, even if you cannot do much, show to which side you belong. When a man is filled with the word of God

you cannot keep him still. "Be ye doers of the Word, not hearers only, deceiving not yourselves?" As all the good gifts of God are abused by the children of this world, so is it also with the hearing of God's Word, wherein they differ greatly from the true children of God. They who are of the world give no heed to the word which is preached, and if they should be asked a day after, what their going to church had profited them, what they had heard and learned, they could not tell. The devil has already snatched the word out of their hearts to prevent them from believing, and being saved. The Lord's people hear the word with devout attention, and rejoice, as if they had found a great treasure. They are hearers of the word, and also doers.

The families and members of the church have all been supplied, with statements and blanks by the consistory, soliciting subscriptions to meet the current expenses of the church during the coming year. It is hoped these blanks will be filled out promptly, and returned to the secretary of the church, on or before the 17th of March. Enclose these blanks, after filled out, in an envelope addressed to W. D. Souder, and drop them into the collection baskets at any of our Sabbath services. Every member of the church is expected to give to the Lord, as he is able.

Ora Blanche, daughter of Samuel Dukeman, fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 13. On Friday afternoon, Feb. 15, her remains were borne to their final resting place, by the side of those of her mother, and a little sister, in Lindenwood. Aged 5 years, 9 months, 29 days. Ora Blanche was a sweet, beautiful little child. But she was not long for this world. While the dew drop was yet sparkling in the light of the rising sun, it was brushed away. She has gone to the "Home Above." While here she was an abiding comfort to the father and the little sister, who are all that are now left of the family. The mother and two little ones have gone to rest and home, within a few months. The Lord comfort the bereaved father and little sister, and at last bring them safe to their departed loved ones.



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The missionary meeting on Sabbath evening, February 24, was a pleasant and profitable service. The attendance was not as large as we had hoped and prayed it might be, but those who were present gave evidence that they were possessed with the true missionary spirit. Those who attend such meetings indicate that their hearts are in the work. Some persons seemingly are afraid to attend missionary meetings. Might it be that they fear, lest the Lord should afford them some pressing opportunity to give for the gospel abroad? Some people are sponge-like, always taking in, never giving out. This is a very selfish spirit, and tends to poverty of soul. Those who attended our meeting were not actuated by any such motives. They gave freely. The collection amounted to nearly \$11. One of our members came in from the country three miles to attend this service. No doubt it would have been equally as convenient, for many others to come to the meeting. Addresses were made by the pastor, D. W. Souder, F. D. Paulus and H. P. Vordermark. The address of the latter, is published in this issue of the VISITOR. Read it. These addresses were full of pungent and practical truths. We hope to hold more such services in the future, to enlist all our people in the missionary work of the church.

THE regular meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society was held on Wednesday evening. It was largely attended, and all felt the meeting a profitable one. Some of the ladies have always been ready with a passage of Scripture, others have never responded. Surely no one can offer a reasonable excuse for not being prepared for this part of the service, and all must feel this to be a very profitable service, as well as a pleasant one. How can we know the will of God concerning us, unless we examine His word. We are commanded to search the Scriptures. How little time is spent in the discharge of this duty, should we not hide our faces for shame, when we recognize the fact that God's word is ever open before us, and still we are so ignorant of its contents. A closer study of God's word will make us all better, and more consistent Christians. A neglect of this duty

leaves us in darkness in regard to our responsibilities to God and to our fellow man. The subject for our next meeting will be love. We want to know more about God's love for us, and more about the love we owe to God, and to our neighbors. Let us all be prepared to respond to our names with a passage of Scripture bearing upon the subject of love. This is no great cross. It should be a pleasant duty.

## THE LADIES BAZAAR.

*At the Academy of Music, March 4th to 9th.*

FOR several months past the ladies of Grace Church, have been very busy preparing for their Bazaar. They have a large assortment of goods on hand, which they have made and solicited. Many of the friends of the church and business firms of the city, have donated liberally. Arrangements are completed for dinners, suppers, and good entertainments in the evening. The Bazaar opens March 4, and continues during the week. The programme for each day of the Bazaar, will be as follows:

Tuesday evening, chorus singing and other specialties.

Monday evening, being "Inauguration Day," grand opening of the Bazaar, and inauguration supper and entertainment.

Judge Zollars has consented to make a short address. Good music will be furnished.

Wednesday evening entertainment, the "Peek Sisters," and a large crowd of people.

Thursday. At 12 o'clock on this day, the ladies will furnish for dinner, chicken pot pie, etc. Entertainment in the evening; grand drill by the cadets.

Friday at 12 o'clock New England dinner. Evening entertainment; musical programme.

Saturday, the "boss dinner." Everything that is good. Afternoon, at 2 o'clock, children's matinee. Admission, 5 cents. Evening entertainment, The Multitudes.

The young ladies having charge of the different booths, are as follows:

Flower Booth—Misses Anna Vordermark and Emma Neireiter.

Tissue Paper Booth—Misses Nellie French, Sallie Little, Katie Ersig, and Mrs. W. D. Henderson.

Candy and Popcorn Booth—Misses Ella Middleton, Emma Ersig, and Lillie Walters.

Ice Cream Booth—Misses Katie Vordermark, Nettie Pepinbrink, and Sadie Astry.

Fancy Booth—Misses Maggie Haverly, Mollie McClure, and Mollie Buckwalter.

Pattern Booth—Mrs. James Long.

Cashier—Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

An able corps of ladies will be in

charge of the culinary department, and the tables. Mrs. A. M. Henderson, Mrs. J. Vordermark, Mrs. A. McClure, and some twenty-five or more ladies will be in charge of this department of work.

General admittance to evening entertainments, 10 cents.

Every lady of the church has been assigned some place, and time of duty. All are needed.

Dinner and supper tickets, 25 cents. Dinner served from 12 to 2 o'clock. Suppers each evening from 6 to 8.

Come every person. Come for your dinners, come for your suppers. Come for a supply of article, useful and ornamental. Come for a heartful of cheer. Come to spend an evening with your friends. Come. "Little Grace Church" has a welcome for you, at their Bazaar, as always at their church services.

## BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE ST JOHN AND SALEM CHURCHES.

The Young people of the Salem's Church have just purchased a pipe-organ from a firm in Detroit. The organ will be placed in the church in a few weeks.

Rev. C. Schaaf, of the St. John's Church, has a class of about eighty catechumens. Twenty-nine of this number will be confirmed at the Easter season. Rev. C. F. Krite has a class of forty, receiving instructions at present.

The Young Peoples' Society of the St. John's Church, will give a public entertainment at the chapel of the church, on Monday evening, March, 4th.

The Young Peoples' Society of the Salems Church hold the their monthly meeting, Friday evening, March 8th.

In this issue of the VISITOR we publish the constitution of the Ladies Aid, and Missionary Society of the Grace Church. We hope the members of the church will read this constitution, and preserve it for future reference. This society has now grown to a membership of about sixty. The ladies of Grace Church are in dead earnest with their work. There are still a number of the lady members of the church who are not in the society. An effort is now also being made to enlist the men in this society, as associate members. If the men will fall in rank with the ladies, Grace Church will soon be thoroughly organized for missionary work. The ladies are very prompt in the payment of their monthly dues. This is certainly commendable. Some of them are paying 25 cents per month; others 15; some 10 and 5 cents.

We failed to be able to publish the names of the new scholars, enrolled in our Sabbath school during February.



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## SERVICES.

Sabbath morning,	10:30
Sabbath evening	7:30
Sunday School	9:30
Teachers' meeting Sabbath evening	6:30
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening	7:30

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## BREVITIES.

At hand—Ladies' Bazaar.

Coming—New scholars into our Sabbath school.

Ladies' Bazaar opens March 4th at Academy of Music.

Growing—The subscription list of the GRACE CHURCH VISITOR.

Children's Day at the Bazaar, Saturday afternoon, March 9. Admittance 5 cents.

When you can visit the sick,—Mrs. Balander on West Wayne street. Dennis Spurrier, 141 Force st.

Wanted—All the people possible at the Bazaar. Every member of the church must work. We need all.

The Bazaar continues till March 9th. Supper and entertainments every evening. Dinner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—25 cents.

W. V. Zartman of Glenford, Ohio, writes: "Received a copy of your church paper. It is very good. Send it along. Here is 25 cents."

Our Spring communion services will be held during the Easter season. Easter comes this year on the 21st of April. Special services will be held during the week before Easter.

We are adding new names to our list for the *Visitor* almost every day. A number of our friends outside of the church have sent in their subscriptions. We shall be glad to record the names of many others upon our roll.

Some of our families have recently been induced to subscribe for the *Christian World*. This valuable church periodical should be in every family. Do without secular papers, and read our religious papers.

The pastor held a service at the Salem's church in the country, on Monday evening, Feb. 25. The attendance was very large. Some had to stand during the service. The church building will soon have to be enlarged.

On March 4th Isaac Zartmann, Esq., of Glenford, Ohio, celebrates his 75th anniversary. May 21st, coming, Mrs.

Rebecca Zartman will reach her 73rd mile-stone in life. The Lord has been very gracious in sparing these beloved parents so long a time. A letter of recent date to the pastor, states that they are well and happy. May the Lord continue to watch over them.

Rev. Henry S. Gekeler, of Upper Sandusky, O., has accepted a call to Goshen, Ind. The pastorate begins April 1st. We are glad to learn that these people are soon to have a pastor among them. There is a great work to be done in this field of labor.

Rev. Rettig, of the Orphans' Home, reports that the children, with few exceptions, are well. The Home has been generously remembered during the Christmas season. The money receipts were some over \$2,000. Many other donations were also made to the little ones. Let us not forget our orphans.

Our ladies, in soliciting for the Bazaar were, with few exceptions, received very kindly by our business men. Some men have the happy disposition of knowing how to win, and how to hold friends, and are equally as happy in knowing how to return favors. They very kindly acknowledge the patronage, they receive from the churches by lending a helping hand in return.

## CONSTITUTION

*Of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Grace Reformed Church.*

## NAME OF SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—The society shall be known as the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

## OBJECT OF SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.—The object of this society shall be to promote christian sociability among its members, and among the people; to awaken a missionary spirit among our people; to unite, especially the efforts of the ladies in missionary work; to raise financial aid for the cause of Christ.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE III.—The members of this society shall be of two kinds, active and associate. Any lady of good, moral character may become a member of this society by signing the constitution. Any person, male or female, may become an associate member of this society, by paying not less than 5 cents per month into the treasury.

ARTICLE IV.—Active members only are eligible to office, and have the right of voting. Associate members shall have advisory power.

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

ARTICLE V.—The officers shall be a

President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.—The President or Vice-President shall preside at all the meetings of the society.

ARTICLE VII.—The secretary shall keep an accurate, and complete record of all the meetings of the society.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Treasurer shall have charge of all the finances of the society, both as to receiving and disbursing of the same.

## DUES OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE IX.—Each active and associate member of the society shall give as God has prospered her or him, but not less than five cents per month.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ARTICLE X.—At the first regular meetings in the months of January and July, the president shall appoint three competent persons who shall constitute an Executive Board. The duties of this Board shall be to suggest plans for work, to appoint committees, to give socials, and provide for sewing circles.

ARTICLE XI.—The money raised by this Society, shall be devoted to benevolent purposes at home and abroad, as the Society may deem best.

## TIME OF MEETING.

ARTICLE XII.—The Society shall meet regularly on the first Thursday evening of each month. The programme for the regular meeting shall include singing, reading of scripture, addresses, reading of minutes, reports, transaction of business.

## TIME OF ELECTION.

ARTICLE XIII.—The annual election for Officers, shall be held at the first regular meeting in the month of January.

ARTICLE XIV.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

WHAT some of our friends say about the GRACE CHURCH VISITOR.

MILLERSBURGH, Ind., Feb. 22.

Rev. A. K. Zartman, Fort Wayne, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—Enclosed please find postal note—amount, 50 cents—for which please send the GRACE CHURCH VISITOR one year to Mrs. B. A. Myers, and also to our family.

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